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KUNIYOSHI
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UNITED CHINA RELIEF

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YASUO KUNIYOSHI

FOREWORD

FROM THE FIRST, AS THIS RETROSPECT OF TWENTY-ONE YEARS SO CLEARLY SHOWS, YASUO KUNIYOSHI WAS OF THE ELECT, POSSESSING THOSE QUALITIES OF INDEPENDENCE AND INDIVIDUALITY SO PRECIOUS TO US TODAY, AND ALWAYS CHERISHED AS DOMINANT CHARACTERISTICS IN AMERICAN ART.

WHATEVER CHANGES THE YEARS HAVE BROUGHT TO KUNIYOSHI'S PAINTING HE HAS REMAINED THROUGHOUT HIS ESSENTIAL SELF, EXPRESSING A VERY PERSONAL VISION IN TERMS OF HIS OWN DEVISING. ALWAYS AN ARTIST, HIS EARLIER PAINTINGS AS WELL AS HIS RECENT ONES, ARE COMPLETELY REALIZED WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS WHICH HE IMPOSED. BUT GROWTH, TOO, IS THERE, A STEADY PROGRESSION TOWARDS LARGE OBJECTIVES, A WIDER BASIS OF KNOWLEDGE, AND A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF HUMAN VALUES, QUALITIES THAT LEND THEMSELVES SO APPROPRIATELY TO THE HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES OF THIS EXHIBITION.

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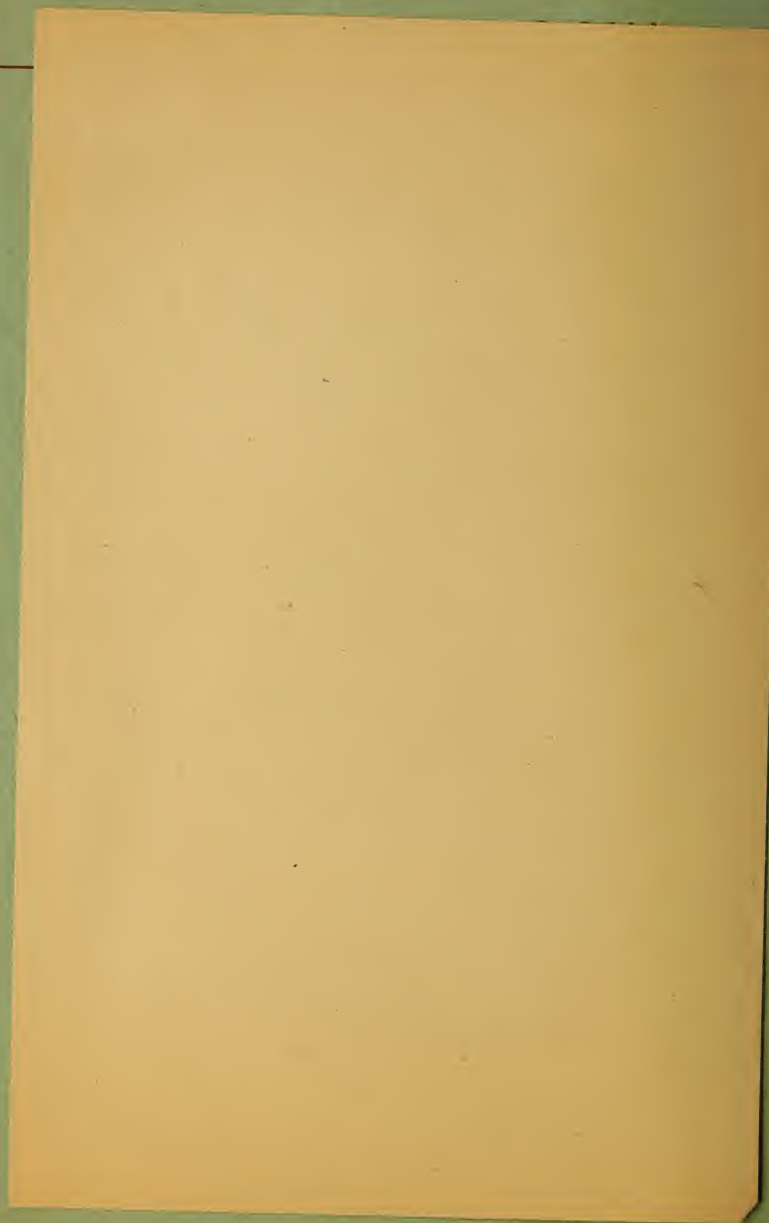
Yasuo Kuniyoshi arrived in this country as a young boy in 1906—thirty six years ago. Moving from Los Angeles to New York four years later, he followed his artistic inclinations by studying at the National Academy of Design, the Art Students' League, the Independent School of Art, and with Hamilton Easter Field in Ogunquit, Maine. His first one-man exhibition held in New York in 1921 immediately established him as an important American artist. During the twenty-one years illustrated in this exhibition, both his contribution and his recognition have consistently continued.

Kuniyoshi has received several major awards, including the first prize of \$1000. in the American Section at the Golden Gate Exposition in 1939, A Guggenheim Fellowship, The Temple Gold Medal at the Pennsylvania Academy in 1934, a prize at the Carnegie International in 1939, etc. Monographs on his work have appeared in several publications. More than twenty American museums, as well as numerous private collectors own examples of his work, and he has an enthusiastic following among artists and students throughout the country.

While Kuniyoshi's contribution to American art is well known, his contribution to our war effort is less so. For years he has been

actively associated with the China Aid Council, giving his time and his pictures for the cause against the Axis. A more recent activity was described in a New Yorker article which appeared on March 28th under the caption: TELLING TOKIO. "At least one Japanese is doing his damndest to help us win the war—Yasuo Kuniyoshi, who is known to many as one of this country's best artists. He has been an anti-Japan man ever since the first attack on China, and now is doing his bit as a writer of broadcasts for the office of Coordinator of Information, the American propaganda bureau . . . Kuniyoshi aims at the artists and the intelligentsia, pointing out to them that their militaristic government prevents intellectual freedom . . ."

This exhibition serves as a further contribution, since all the proceeds are being presented to United China Relief. A charge of \$2.00 will be made at the special Preview at The Downtown Gallery on Monday evening, May 4th; thereafter, for the duration of the show, there will be an admission fee of 25c. In addition, Kuniyoshi is donating an important painting for which a drawing will be held at the close of the exhibition, with the painting going to the person holding the winning ticket. Tickets will be sold at the gallery until May 29th.



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